Group 224 Staff Meeting, 17 JAN 2006 - Summary Notes

Meeting opened at 1900 hrs.

1LT Barry May will take meeting notes tonight, as MAJ Ulmer is out with a back injury.

Maj Ron Wiley was designated Safety Officer for this meeting

MAJ Ron Wiley:

Awards:

- 1. Helen Clemente promoted to Capt.
- 2. Frank Piserchia was awarded the Yeager Award. He is our Music Director. Has been awarded the Musicians Braid. Serves with Vocal Group, Marching Band.

Safety:

Safety officer in training: SM Frank Piserchia

Safety officer must be appointed at each meeting or function. Safety officer does not have to be a pilot or senior. Sentinel must be covered (truncated) at each meeting and notice that it is posted on the units bulletin board. Write up in current sentinel about ballistic parachutes.

Safety section of wing web site has items that MAJ Wiley is covering. List on calendar in web site. Year end (2005) safety survey is coming due - Short time to fill out. Wing safety web site has currently used safety report. Capital S on Safety Report shows that you have covered Sentinel. If you have Pilot in unit, a safety lecture must be done on Bird Strikes.

Units must have a Safety Officer. If not, the commander is automatically appointed. Inspections will look at the unit's Safety Bulletin Board. Keep it up to date.

Communications:

Wing is looking for officer to be responsible for Lakewood Repeater. Contact wing comm officer. Sq Leadership school at McGuire AFB looking for Staff. 11 & 18 March. CLC is in Oct. Level one is 5 Feb. at Cherry Hill.

Group 224 needs a good call down roster - Did not have a good one to cancel training. Need good squadron rosters. NJ Wing has a good call down roster. Need multiple points of communications. MAJ Wiley needs correct mailing addresses. Sq commanders need to send in their current mailing address.

Emergency Service:

Steve Tracy is Assistant ES Officer of Wing. He is ADY to Group for MIMS.

We are not prepared for ES. We have 3 missions to accomplish and are falling down on ES.

Our missions are going to change dramatically in the near future. AF mission is to fight in the air, space and Cyber space.

New Emergency EPIRBS will have GPS and id number will come online in 2008. Our new mission will be with digital imaging, Satellite imaging. Will also be with State MOU.

We have to get our people qualified - All of them. SDIS training is delayed due to weather. Comm is going to get more critical. We need more radio qualified people. Only 4 Ground Team Members in all of Group 224 Manning chart is available to all group sqs.

Call LTC Rich Olszewski at wing if you need a sortie to get a rating.

At wing conference, we will have two pilot seminars. all pilots will get wing credit.

Do a google search on FAA Safety. will show all safety conferences.

"Last Best Chance" DVD is available from lastbestchance.com - It shows how terrorists can get nuke material and bring across Canadian Border. Goals for 2006: all squadrons have submitted them to Group.

Wing goals for groups and sq. We are near on time to submit our goals. 28 Jan 0900 McGuire AFB All Commanders call.

Many of our goals are in line with other sqs

Primary goal of Group 224 is to be a resource for our squadrons.

We are here to help, not criticize.

Email list changes: LTC Dan miles is at verizon.net, Steve Tracy's email is hawkey496@optonline.net

njcap-join@njwg.cap.gov to get on the wing email list.

pilots-join@njwg.cap.gov to get on the wing pilots email list.

Miscellaneous:

We should take information to sq for various programs.

we need to make our cadet programs work. almost all sq cmdr goals included improving on cadet programs. battleship nj was one mentioned as a field trip in the month of march. apprentice program in DOD summer apprentice program. Travis Pope does outstanding job in Cadet progs. Space camp scholarship. In email from Pope.

Nat Cadet special activities. from Pope. Cadet of the year. Other training activities for Cadets. All information is on wing website. go to cadet programs and download information.

Wing has sent out call for help as tactical officers at the 2006 cadet

encampment. 22-30 Jul cadet orientation flights. Squadrons aren't requesting cadet orientation flights. Wing has cadet orientation coordinator. If a sq cannot get flights from their sq. call the coordinator.

Uniform change on disk as a letter under CAPM 39-1 Wing PAO has sent out 30 and 90 day list of prospective members. Hermack has wing cmdr and Ron on DVD about interview on CAP on Comcast.

We want you to take away one thing from tonight's meeting. WE ARE HERE TO HELP THE Sq. Use our services.

MAJ Rick Ulmer could not be here tonight. MAJ Wiley handed out newsletter and Welcome Aboard pamphlets. All Squadrons should have a Health Services officer. Get as many of the members as possible trained in CPR and first aid. Mentoring: New cadets to have a mentor cadet assigned.

MAJ Steve Tracy: Spoke on update of MIMS and who is responsible. If you are going to courses, make sure that you put the completion in MIMS. If Level one and other classifications are not in, a 101 card cannot be generated. Nat working hard to improve MIMS and WMU. Steve available to members to help. Also, check renewals for ES Qualifications. Drop off in MIMS is mainly due to not making sure your MIMS is updated. Make sure your recent Urban DF is posted.

2007 there will be a Reg competition for ES.

Losing a 172 but gaining a 182 glass cockpit. 3 open mission numbers available for use from Wing.

Feb 18 sat. Mandatory Air Crew Safety Day. Feb 25-26 SAREX. 26 Jan Thurs. leaving 1945 FAA Safety Seminar at Flying W. 15 seats available, first come first serve. Bring M&M's for driver.

Make sure MIMS and WMU also have your current mailing address. Important to have call down roster at or near access to use when it is needed.

International cadet exchange will not consider cadets unless they have cadet orientation flights on their resume.

1LT Barry May:

Scholarship available from passed out PAO disks for sq members. Spoke about speakers bureau. offered to adjust Rick's back but he refused. Suggested Steve make his ES available charts ready for web site.

CPT Helen Clemente:

Cadet activities. FEMA doing IS courses. Associates degree available in Emergency Management. of interest to cadets.

Can get college credit for cadets before going to college.

DDR Sq are not taking advantage of the program. Sq should appoint an officer.

Chaplain CPT George Guyer:

Handed out bibles; handed out chaplain applications in an attempt to recruit chaplains.

LTC Greg Weidenfeld:

Changes. web up to date. aerospace ed. CAPP 15 has all information for AE officer. hand out of parts of CAPP 15, file reports, scholarship app due dates etc. stress grant for AE.

other possible grants listed. AE activities. New Horizon probe delayed. Sunday got back cosmic probe that scooped up particles from a comet. handout with new lunar lander. position change.

Opportunities abound for training. Take advantage and get qualified. Never has there been this much opportunity. No excuse to not get qualified.

Made safety posters. all have safety pledges. New one each month.

MAJ Green:

Major Green is now IG for Group 224. IG manual for units below wing "subordinate unit inspection guide."

LT Korwin:

Squadron reaction: Wants more speakers. Needs suggestions for more activities.

MAJ Wiley:

In closing, requested sq Cdrs to tell us how we did. "give me the good, the bad, and the ugly. This is the only way we can improve our services."

Submitted 24 JAN 06 1LT Barry May (MAJ Rick Ulmer, typing)